

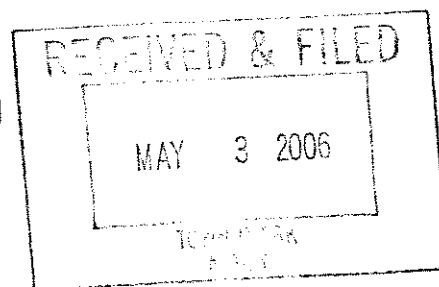


RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

March 7, 2006 @ 7 PM

Acton Town Hall, Room 126



Recreation Commission members Mr. Ron Schlegel, Ms. Sasha O'Connell, Mr. Matthew Lundberg and Ms. Alison Gallagher were present. Also present were Ms. Alison Trout, Recreation Director and Ms. Maura Haberman, Recreation Secretary. Ms. Michele Zaremba was absent.

Mr. Schlegel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. CITIZENS CONCERNS

Ms. Trout has received parents concerns with the lack of shade at NARA Park. The Acton Board of Health as given Recreation a tent which was donated to them for use at NARA. Police Department patrol has been informed that the T.J. O'Grady Skate Park is now open. Donations for recognition of Skate Park contributions needs to be follow-up on.

II. MINUTES

Minutes for January 3, 2006 were approved as amended.
Minutes for February 22, 2006 were approved as written.

III. MISSION STATEMENT AND VISIONARY GOALS

Ms. Trout would like to see what the Recreation Commission's Mission Statement should be for the Recreation Department along with visionary goals as the recreation program progresses. A breakdown of the following was composed by the Commission as a draft.

For a Mission Statement

- To provide recreational opportunities that improves the quality of life and strengthens Acton's community. – community – responsive

Goals under the 5-year plan

- To enhance the quality and variety of recreation programs for the residents of Acton.
- To provide facilities that meet current and future demands.
- Improving the quality of life through recreation opportunities for the residents of Acton.
- Final: Building a sense of community through quality recreation.

Mr. Lundberg excused himself during this agenda item topic discussion (7:30 p.m.) to attend another Town Hall meeting.

IV. RECREATION WHITE PAGES REVIEW

Tabled to next meeting

V. 5K UPDATE; SASHA O'CONNELL

Ms. Trout announced that the 5K will be held on Saturday morning, Aug. 26 beginning at 8AM and will start and stop at NARA Park. Citizen Jim Yaren stopped in to visit the Recreation Commission meeting for a few minutes. Mr. Yaren is on the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Ms. Trout continued to announce that the Kids Fun Run will follow the 5K Run for the Beach at NARA Park. Ms. Trout, Ms. O'Connell and Ms. Haberman met with the Office Palma of the Acton Police Department to go over the logistics. Mr. Schlegel inquired about the course. Ms. O'Connell gave an overview of the route that was discussed with Officer Palma on a map, but did not review logistics. Ms. Trout reported that she has received some registrations and a sponsor has offered to pay for 200 printed tee-shirts. Ms. O'Connell reported that we have booked the timer for the date and we are seeking more volunteers to help get the word out to help market and volunteer at the event. Ms. Trout is seeking the Recreation Commission's help with getting more volunteers on board on board. Ms. O'Connell will get the course certified. Ms. Gallagher suggested Robbins Brook community

residents may like to volunteer. Mr. Schlegel thought it may be beneficial if we had some runners in the area who run races to help out.

VI. PLAYGROUND GROUP - FUNDRAISING

Table to next meeting

VII. RECREATION COMMISSION: RECRUITMENT, NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Trout would like the Recreation Commission to grow larger so quorum issues are not a problem should a member not be able to attend when we have such a small commission. Ms. Trout would like to increase from five to seven members and two associate members. Mr. Schlegel informed the commission that this would be a change in the Charter and will need approval by the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Haberman will prepare a brochure for the next meeting for recruitment of new commission members.

VIII. ELM STREET LIGHTS

Ms. Trout informed the Commission that Mr. Foster pushed for light replacement at Elm Street. At this time, Ms. Trout is seeking league donations to help partially fund some of the financial aid for light replacement. Elm Street lights are unsafe and may be taken down without replacement.

IX. REPORTS

A. Morrison Farm: Ms. Gallagher mentioned that there was a public forum that went very well. At the last meeting, Mr. David Brown brought a model that he made with proposed walking trails. The house on the farm is going on the Historic House and Barns Listing. There will probably be an organic farm on the property. The top of the house will probably be a care-takers house and the bottom of the house a storage space. The upper field at Morrison is intended to become a multipurpose field for active recreation, if and when needed. Parking is going to remain an issue. At Ice House Pond there may be 40 parking spaces. Ms. Gallagher is going to check on the site for use as community gardens. Other possibilities in the future such as NARA Summer Youth Nature Programs have been mentioned.

B. CPC: No report at this time.

C. NARA PARK SPECIAL EVENTS:

- a. Sponsorships/donations: Donations/pledges have been received in the amount of \$20,000 to-date in financial and product for NARA summer events. Many companies have been sent a sponsorship packages.
- b. Volunteers: A email will be sent to recreation commission with needs for volunteers for events.

X. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2006 Room 126.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.